HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 154

Commending Betty Baugh Harrison.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 13, 2006 Agreed to by the Senate, January 19, 2006

WHEREAS, Betty Baugh Harrison of Richmond, an admired and respected local veterinarian, valiantly rescued abandoned and vulnerable animals in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina; and

WHEREAS, during three trips to devastated areas around Gulfport, Mississippi, Betty Baugh Harrison and her dedicated employees brought back to Virginia 125 dogs, 80 cats, and a horse named Navajo; many of the animals were injured and all needed medical care, feeding, and a new home; and

WHEREAS, in order to place these needy pets with caring owners, Betty Baugh Harrison, together with 10 area animal rescue agencies, held a festive and highly successful adopt-a-thon that drew an enthusiastic crowd of animal lovers to the parking lot of the Betty Baugh Animal Clinic; and

WHEREAS, because of Betty Baugh Harrison's great heart and noble efforts, numerous lost and ailing animals were rescued and adopted; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Betty Baugh Harrison for her many outstanding contributions to her community and the Commonwealth, especially her exemplary support and humane treatment of the fragile animal victims of Hurricane Katrina; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Betty Baugh Harrison as an expression of the General Assembly's gratitude for her immense skill as a veterinarian and for her overwhelming kindness and generosity to animals and pet owners.